

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 6126
An Act Authorizing Bicyclists to Cross the Housatonic Railroad
At-Grade in New Milford

Dear Representative Chapin:

I am writing to register my support for passage of the bill to allow bicycle and pedestrian traffic across this area in New Milford. I view this whole project, of which this bill is the first step, as a both a major quality of life and safety enhancement. Bike paths and running paths are few and far between in Western Connecticut. We are all supposed to be trying to instruct today's youth to be more active and health conscious, but at the same time don't provide good quality and safe places for them to be active. I find it ironic that there are more miles of groomed trails for biking and running in Manhattan than in Western Connecticut. With the nature of our narrow, winding and hilly country roads it is dangerous for pedestrians and bikers to take to the outdoors and practice a healthy lifestyle.

I urge you to pass this bill to allow New Milford residents to kick off a project that will greatly enhance the lives of all.

Kind regards,

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